

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES – FEBRUARY 11, 2021

The February 11, 2021 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was conducted via Zoom and was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Chair Paul Tarlowe. Participating were Paul Tarlowe, Robert Jewell, Jim McMekin, Ruth Panté, Township Committeeman Glen McGuinness and Township Clerk Dena Hrebenak; Amanda Kilyk was excused. Not responding to the invitation were Glenn Todd, Kathie Todd and Township Committeewoman Desiree Dillon. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. Hrebenak offered to send to Ms. Kilyk an e-mail with the audio file of the meeting attached.

Minutes

Mr. Tarlowe MOVED to accept and approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Jewell. With no further comments, the motion carried.

Bluebird Trail

Last year Lisa Misertino and Michelle Barrett volunteered for this effort, accompanied by their respective children. At this time, the boxes should be renumbered. Mr. Tarlowe and Mr. McMekin recently cleaned the six boxes and did some minor repairs. Ms. Smith spearheaded the effort last year and she shared a summary of team efforts; she also contacted Ms. Hrebenak regarding certificates for the student volunteers. Ms. Smith recommended Ms. Misertino to maintain records. This Commission will continue monitoring; Mr. Tarlowe will contact the school seeking interested parties.

Membership

Mr. Tarlowe received a call from Glenn Todd who is not attending because of personal issues; he gave no indication when he would resume active membership. There has been no interest shown in the open positions. The town Facebook has posts from Mr. Tarlowe but no one expressed interest.

Land Use Board

The next scheduled meeting has been cancelled because the Agenda is empty. Mr. Jewell reported an auction of properties by Mansfield. Someone purchased property on Ridgewood Terrace, details unknown. Ms. Hrebenak said most were smaller lots but several were grouped to make one larger lot. One piece lies between Watters Road and Rt. 57 which might see some interest, it requires roads. This process will be a while but any properties sold will go back on the tax roles.

Township Committee

Mr. McGuinness said this is a quiet period; cold weather and the pandemic keep all quiet.

Green Team

Membership is stagnant, Mr. Jewell remains the only other active member. Ms. Fascenelli would like to hear from Mr. Jewell and Ms. Smith to learn if they are interested in remaining on the Team. After collecting and forwarding plastics to Trex, a second bench has been ordered, to be placed at the entrance to the Police Department. The Scavenger Hunt has been posted on the website. A 2021 calendar is in the works. An ordinance has been drafted regarding no smoking areas at public places, the recreation areas are a prime focus. A paper shredding event and electronics collection are planned for the fall, no dates yet.

Ms. Panté reported attending an ANJEC webinar designed to stimulate Environmental Commissions to promote community events. Emphasis was placed on outdoor activities. The Green Team is already undertaking such activities.

Mr. McMekin MOVED to adjourn at 7:58.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Panté

**Next meeting date:
March 11, 2021**